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HIS EXCELLENCY SPEAKER
OF UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

First of all, we, the timorese students in Indonesia and in East Timor, would like to extend our high consideration and sincere cumpliments to Your Excellency and to All Most Excellent Members of United States House of Representatives.

Prompted by the position taken by the 47 Members of the United States House of Senate and 182 Members of the United States House of Representatives, revelated in the letter dated on October 28, 1988, to the Secretary of State, Mr. George Shultz, concerning the East Timor People since 13 years ago, we, as the voice of "Mau-Bere People" are inspired to take the iniciative of sending this letter to Your Excellency with the intention of manifesting our feeling of gladness and total support.

As the real witness of all tragedy in East Timor since December 7, 1975 till now, we, the timorese students, will not leave this good opportunity to, tenaciously, affirm and support the 47 Members of Senate letter and the 182 Congressmen letter, both, dated on October 28, 1988, such the reality that transmit the longing desires and aspirations of the "Mau-Bere People"; and from this time forward, we object energetically Indonesia reaction expressed in their statement signed by 390 Members of Indonesian Parliament.

It's to emphasize that while the Indonesian Parliament in Jakarta were occupying in their statement to be delivered to Indonesian Foreign Minister Ad. Interin Benny Moerdani on November 18, 1988; in East Timor, since November 4, 1988, about 30 to 40 batalions of Indonesian Army Forces (one of its is commanded by lieutenant-colonel Prabowo - Soeharto's son-of-law) have been developing operations of great ability for the annihilation of the Resistance Forces, with the intent of exterminating all Resistance Warmen and getting alive or died the Commander-in-Chief of FALINTIL, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao, in order to avoid any possible disturbance if East Timor will be to open soon. Besides, it's also developing captures, tortures, violations and shooting to the population of Dili, Viqueque, and to HANSIP (timorese military groups, fight for Indonesia) by the Indonesia Army. This fact forces us to once again reject severelly the Indonesian Parliament statement against the 47 Members of Senate letter and the other one issued by 182 Members of Representatives, that translate and transcribe the reality of East Timor.

On the other hand, the recent and unexpected statement of the United States Department Spokesman, Mr. Charles Redman, on November 2, 1988, during the dayly press briefing about the United States Recognition to the annexation of East Timor to Indonesia, was a great blow to us the opposed pole to our desires and aspirations. Nevertheless, we don't hesitate in front of this position taken by United States Executive Government, because:

1. A few hours before the invasion of East Timor by Indonesian Army, on December 7, 1975, the United States President, Mr. Gerard Ford and the Secretary of State, Mr. Henry Kissinger, were been in Jakarta. During a meeting with President Soehart, Mr. Ford declared that United States had understood very well the Indonesian interest on the conflict in East Timor, this one's, means that United States since the begining has been giving support to the Indonesian Military Invasion.

2. The Indonesian Military Invasion to East Timor was led by American Counsellors and executed with the United States outfits, ammunitions and army ordnances.

Before these two points abovementioned, that United States Recognition to the ilegal and ilegitimate annexation of East Timor to Indonesia, is no more than, a concretization, comprovation and confirmation of United States as CULMINATING ARCHITECT of Indonesian Military Invasion and the SUPPORT of a continuous Indonesian Military Occupation in East Timor.

Mr. Speaker of United States House of Representatives,

The United States Recognition to the ilegal and ilegitimate annexation of East Timor to Indonesia is a direct violation to the Universal Principles and to the norms of International Law that assure to all peoples the right of self-determination and national freedom as referred in United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV);

The United States Recognition to the ilegal and ilegitimate annexation of East Timor to Indonesia is an obstinate challange to the International Public Opinion and to the Community of Nations, mainly, to the European Community Resolutions in the colloquy on East Timor Issue;

The United States Recognition to the ilegal and ilegitimate annexation of East Timor to Indonesia is a betrayal to the character and goals of NATO (which both, United States and Portugal are also members) and besides it's a direct offence to Portugal and a flagrant unrespect to the United Nations which recognizes Portugal as the only Adminintrative Power of the Non-Autonomous East Timor Territory.

Based on these allegations above, we, the timorese students in Indonesia and in East Timor, solicit to Your Excellency and to All Most Excellent Members of United States House of Representatives to press United States Executive Government to more conscious and more honest on the matter that concerns to the "Mau--Bere People" and to respect the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 1514 (XV) and 1541 (XV); we also solicit to Your Excellency and to ALL Most Members of United States House of Representatives to press the United States Executive Government to give his total support to the Portugal Diplomatic Strugle concerning the Question of East Timor (self-determination & national freedom).

Ultimately, remembering the case of the FOUR TIMORESE STUDENTS, our fellow-countrymen who have been retaining in Jakarta since October 22, 1986, that seems to become a problem already fait accompli in the corner of the sub-conscience, we don't want leave off this opportunity without instill again this case into all Defensors of Human Rights, soliciting by this way,

to Your Excellency and to All Most Excellent Members of United States House of Representatives in order to throught the United States Executive Government to insist the Indonesian Government to allow the FOUR TIMORESE STUDENTS to leave Jakarta to Portugal, as portuguese citizens.

Without any more subject to allege, would Your Excellency and All Most Excellent Members of United States House of Representatives accept the expression of our superior respect and high consideration followed by auspicious greeting of coherence to the position already revelated in Your letter on October 28, 1988.

Jakarta, November 30, 1988.-

By Timorese Students Secret Commission of National Resistance in Indonesia and in East Timor,

The Responsible,

UNIÃO DOS ESTUDANTES TIMORENSES PARA A INDEPENDÊNCIA DE TIMOR-LESTE

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Copies to :

1. His Excellency General-Secretary of United Nations in New York;
2. His Excellency Chairman of Portuguese Parliament, in Lisbon;
3. His Excellency United States Foreign Minister, in Washington;
4. His Excellency Portugueses Foreign Minister, in Lisbon;
5. His Excellency President of Human Rights Commission, in Geneva;
6. Their Excellencies Leaders of National Covergency (FRETILIN&UDT), in Lisbon;
7. His Excellency Chairman of the Overseas Delegation of FRETILIN, in Lisbon;
8. His Excellency Ambassador of United States for Indonesia, in Jakarta;
9. Archive.